

BANANA SPLITS



A. Reading

Banana splits taste delicious, and they are fast and easy to make. First, put a scoop of vanilla ice cream, a scoop of chocolate ice cream, and a scoop of strawberry ice cream in an oval bowl. Then, pour strawberry, butterscotch, and pineapple syrup over the scoops of ice cream. Next, top each scoop of ice cream with whipped cream, chopped nuts, and a cherry. Finally, peel a ripe banana and cut it in half lengthwise. Put the banana halves on opposite sides of the bowl. Be sure to have plenty of napkins because banana splits are messy to eat.

B. True or False

1. F _____ Banana splits are difficult to make.
2. F _____ Boil the bananas before you cut them in half.
3. F _____ After a banana is cut in half, it has four pieces.
4. T _____ Syrup and ice cream come in various flavors.
5. T _____ Banana splits are messy to eat.

C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. _____ Vanilla is the best ice cream flavor.
2. _____ Banana splits are delicious.

D. Writing – Are banana splits healthy or unhealthy? Why?

Name _____
 Date _____

• Reading Comprehension Assessment

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Leo and Jasmine Plan a Trip

“I am glad that we both have some time off from work next month,” Jasmine said. “We should go on a trip.”

“Good idea,” said Leo. “Where should we go?”

“I think we should go to New York City,” Jasmine said. “It would be very fun. There are so many things to see and do there. We could see a play, visit a museum, go shopping, or see the Empire State Building. There are also lots of great places to eat. We might even meet a famous movie star!”

“That does sound fun,” Leo said, “but it is very crowded. There are way too many people. It is also very expensive there. Everything costs a lot of money. I don’t know if we can **afford** it.”

“Well, where would you like to go?” Jasmine asked.

“We should go camping,” Leo said. “It would be very quiet and peaceful. We could take long walks in woods and then sleep under the stars. We could cook hot dogs over an open fire. We could go swimming in the lake.”

“That does sound peaceful,” Jasmine said, “but I don’t really like sleeping outside. There are too many bugs. I hate bug bites. Plus, there are a lot of bears in the woods. I would not want to get eaten by a bear.”

“Well, what should we do?” Leo asked. “It is hard to agree on a trip.”

“We could flip a coin. If it is heads, we will go to New York City. If it is tails, we will go camping.”

“That sounds fair,” Leo said. He found a coin and threw it high in the air. The coin flipped end over end and then landed behind the couch.

“Oh no,” Jasmine said.

Leo and Jasmine both got down on the floor. They looked under the couch for the coin.

“Hey, look what I found!” Jasmine said. She pulled something out from under the couch. “It’s a photo from the trip we took last year when we went to the beach.” She gave the photo to Leo.

Leo looked at the photo. “That was a great trip,” he said. “We had a good time at the beach.”

“It was fun,” Jasmine said. “It was not too crowded and it did not cost too much money.”

“It was quiet and peaceful,” Leo said. “There were not too many bugs and there were no bears.”

Leo and Jasmine smiled at each other. “Let’s go back to the beach!”



1) According to the passage, what is something you can do in New York City?

- A. **visit a museum**
- B. ride in a taxi cab
- C. walk in the woods
- D. see the Statue of Liberty

- 2) As it is used in paragraph 4, the word **afford** means
- A. to have a good time doing something
 - B. **to be able to pay for something**
 - C. to agree on something
 - D. to do something very quickly
- 3) Each of the following are things Leo says they can do while they are camping EXCEPT
- A. swim in the lake
 - B. cook hot dogs
 - C. **see a bear**
 - D. sleep under the stars
- 4) Based on information in the passage, we can guess that Leo
- I. likes to go places that are quiet and peaceful
 - II. hates getting bug bites party for kids who turn 18
 - III. would like to meet a famous movie star
- A. **I only**
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III
- 5) Based on the passage, we can guess that Leo and Jasmine
- A. cannot agree on anything
 - B. are afraid of bears
 - C. do not like to spend too much money
 - D. **have been to the beach before**
- 6) In the passage, Leo and Jasmine talk about
- A. New York City first, then the beach, then camping
 - B. camping first, then New York City, then the beach
 - C. the beach first, then New York City, then camping
 - D. **New York City first, then camping, then the beach**
- 7) Whose vacation idea sounds like more fun to you, Leo's or Jasmines? Why?

topic: **SOME or ANY?**

Fill in each blank space with the correct response.

1. I went to the tourist office to get _____ information.
a) **some** b) any
2. The woman said they didn't have _____ more applications.
a) some b) **any**
3. _____ called you last night.
a) **Someone** b) Anyone
4. I need _____ time to think about this.
a) **some** b) any
5. _____ day we'll be together.
a) **Some** b) Any
6. Is there _____ evidence that he's guilty?
a) some b) **any**
7. I haven't seen her for _____ time now.
a) **some** b) any
8. Our order is due to arrive _____ day now.
a) some b) **any**
9. Have you seen my notebook? I can't find it _____.
a) somewhere b) **anywhere**
10. I haven't shown you _____ of my photos yet.
a) some b) **any**

topic: **Which verb: DO or MAKE?**

Choose the correct verb for each sentence:

1. He always _____ his homework on time.

a) **does** b) makes

2. It's pretty hard to _____ breakfast for 10 people.

a) do b) **make**

3. My husband is a lawyer and he _____ a lot of money

a) does b) **makes**

4. I have to _____ my taxes soon.

a) **do** b) make

5. It was pretty easy for me to _____ a decision about where to go to university.

a) **do** b) make

6. You should always try to _____ your job well.

a) **do** b) make

7. You _____ three mistakes on your test.

a) did b) **made**

8. The hurricane _____ a lot of damage.

a) **did** b) made

9. Octavio has _____ a lot of progress at school.

a) did b) **made**

10. I need to go out and _____ some shopping.

a) **do** b) make

topic: **THERE, THEY'RE, THEIR**

Fill in each blank space with **there**, **they're** or **their**.

1. I really don't want to go there again.
2. I'm always wrong and they're always right.
3. I really think that they're the ones who are responsible for this.
4. I fixed their car.
5. I didn't know there would be so many people here.
6. You mean they're not coming tonight?
7. Robert was their only friend.
8. In Los Angeles, people really love their cars.
9. Were there many people at the game?
10. He didn't approve of their way of life.

topic: **Plural form of nouns**

Fill in each blank space with the correct plural form of the noun.
(ex. tree --> trees):

1. fish - PLURAL: fish
2. child - PLURAL: children
3. toothbrush - PLURAL: toothbrushes
4. woman - PLURAL: women
5. man - PLURAL: men
6. toy - PLURAL: toys
7. exercise - PLURAL: exercises
8. fly - PLURAL: flies
9. foot - PLURAL: feet
10. furniture - PLURAL: furniture